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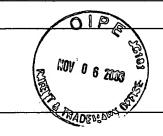
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Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 8, 2003. The Restriction Requirement set forth a one-month time period for response, making a response due on or before November 8, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

## I. REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner required election of one of the following groups of claims:

Group I:

Claims 1-30, 36-42 and 51-56, drawn to a measurement system;

Group II:

Claims 31-35, drawn to sensor device; and

Group II:

Claims 43-50, drawn to biological fluid testing method.

Applicants hereby confirm the provisional election to prosecute the claims of Group I with traverse. As stated in the MPEP §803, if search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. It is Applicants' position that it would not be unduly burdensome to perform a search on the subject matter of all the claims together. Accordingly, Applicants traverse the restriction requirement.

Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 USC §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application.